

## **Region IV Citizen Review Panel Public Testimony Information**

### **Background**

The Idaho Region IV Citizen Review Panel will hold their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022. During that meeting, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm, the Panel will accept comments from members of the public on their concerns, experiences, and perspectives on the child welfare system in Idaho, specifically as it relates to Ada, Boise, Elmore and Valley Counties.

Individuals with current and previous system involvement are encouraged to attend and participate, including but not limited to:

- Foster parents,
- Foster youth,
- Guardians,
- Individuals with kinship placements,
- Biological parents with child welfare system involvement.

### **Sign Up Information**

The Panel is accepting written and verbal public testimony.

Each speaker must sign up prior to the meeting using the online form located at <https://forms.office.com/r/dSSEqtUq20>

Communication (including confirmation, agenda, and meeting details) will be sent via email, and it is responsibility of those providing written testimony or requesting the opportunity to provide verbal testimony to respond. Requesting to provide verbal public comment does not guarantee you will be able to speak.

If there are time slots available, you will be allowed to address the panel during the meeting. If there are no time slots available, you may leave your written information for the Panel and someone may contact you to hear your comment at a later date.

### **IMPORTANT:**

Please be aware that because the nature of foster care is private, you may not provide written or verbal public comment on specific cases or provide case-identifying information including names, dates, locations, case numbers, etc. Please do not disclose the names of current or former foster youth, biological children, biological parents, guardian and/or kinship placements, foster parents, case workers or other staff.

Please also note that Region IV Citizen Review Panel meetings are subject to Idaho Open Meeting Law. Members of the public may attend the Panel meeting. Meeting minutes reflecting the content of the meeting conversation will be posted for public viewing following the meeting.

## **Public Testimony Guidance**

Each speaker will be allocated five (5) minutes to speak, when called upon by the Region IV Citizen Review Panel Chair.

Each speaker will only speak one (1) time during the meeting.

Please state your first and last name at the start of your public testimony and direct all comments and questions to the Panel Chair.

If private or case-identifying information is provided, the Speaker's remaining testimony time will be revoked.

Speakers should not expect Panel members to comment on or respond to their comments directly during the meeting.

Speakers shall not address or respond to other speakers or members of the audience.

Please be civil and courteous in language and presentation.

Additional information about the Region IV Citizen Review Panel and its meeting can be found at <https://cdh.idaho.gov/hl-d4citizen-panel.php>.